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MADRID, Spain, Oct. 18.—The presence in Spain of a



L. P. HERRIA
Identified in Spain

Carthy could be served on the writ which guarantee fair protection in the United States as witnesses of a Senate committee.

Immediately after my arrival in Spain the secretaries were under orders to use every facility available to put me in contact with Beria, and in return I promised not to publish anything that would endow them with publicity.

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The Spanish national police have kept a tight security ban on the case, and the newspaper ABC, one of the most respected in Spain, twice has had editions seized by police because of printing information on the investigation. It is now believed by police that the intermediary, Gato, in exile from Nicaragua, is withholding information from the authorities.

Association with Communists would subject them to the severest penalties.

Even though several attempts to establish contact with this figure have failed, police believe the investigation has paid off because it has "scared" him.

Police consider Spain as the logical hiding place for Beria, if he did escape from Russia, because there are no

known Communist agents operating in Spain who might

Witnesses in Spain Call Fugitive Beria

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liquidate him before he could trade Russian secrets for a sanctuary.

The rendezvous arranged for contact with the so-called Beria was a beach in front of a large farm located between Malaga and Gibraltar on the Mediterranean coast.

The man carried out specific arrangements which had been made with Gallo, and appeared at the appointed time on the designated beach, walking with two companions. The promise, according to police investigation of the case, was to be surrender to a qualified representative of the United States.

Gallo, however, did not appear at the rendezvous—he was in custody of local Malaga police at the time as a result of refusal to give information to a man claiming to be a representative of the United States.

This agent, when Gallo refused to cooperate with him on the ground he had not properly identified himself, called Malaga police and Gallo was held for questioning.

It was in this manner that the Spanish national police entered the case. When they established the facts, they offered full cooperation and ordered Gallo's release to carry out any new arrangements which could be made.

By that time, however, the man claiming to be Beria had disappeared—either from the country or deep into Spain's interior.

Spanish police conducted an intense search of the Malaga area, and turned up five witnesses who identified photographs of the real Beria as the man they had seen in the region.

Owners of Farm Also Are Certain

Three of these persons were Spanish people of relatively high position who owned the farm at which the rendezvous was to take place. They were on the beach at the time, they told police, and saw three strange men strolling along the edge of the water.

This was an unusual sight, as the farm is located a mile from the highway and in a lonely section of the coast. The three all identified pictures of Beria as one of the three men. One other, they said, was obviously a Spaniard and the other they described as a foreigner.

The arrangements for the beach rendezvous were made as the result of a meeting Gallo said he originally had with the man claiming to be Beria in Gibraltar. At that time Gallo was unable to deliver any assurances from the United States and a second meeting was scheduled.

The final meeting, to deliver the papers from Sen. McCarthy, was never held, as a result of Gallo's arrest.

Beria, who as head of the Russian secret police organized Red espionage through much of the world, was revealed as purged July 9 when he was accused of plotting to overthrow the Soviet government.

Beria Silent as to His Whereabouts

When they found out that he had been seen by the Russian government, as to his whereabouts, or fate.

Gallo, wealthy Nicaraguan who dabbles in revolution and international politics, turned up in the United States and told The San Diego Union he had been asked to serve as an intermediary for four high Communists who wanted sanctuary in this country.

He asked The San Diego Union to place him in touch with high government officials. Later, in Spain, Gallo notified The San Diego Union and government officials that one of the men was Beria and he wanted guarantees from either President Eisenhower, Vice President Nixon or Sen. McCarthy.

The exact source of Gallo's information has never been disclosed, though it is believed to be someone in Spain. Police are inclined to doubt that Beria could have parachuted into Spain, as originally thought possible, and pointed out any one in his official capacity could have had access to any foreign documents or passports needed to cross any border.

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Official Commentary on Beria Expected From U.S. or Spain

WASHINGTON, Oct. 10 (AP)—There are strong indications the mystery is Pablo Gallo, a member of the United States or Spain soon will of a wealthy Nicaraguan coffee-planter family. Gallo is described in the chronicle as the close-and-dagger story—the supposed escape of Lavrenti P. Beria, deposed Soviet secret police chief.

Informal officials say the story of Beria's alleged flight is a Communist plot, a gangsterian hoax, or—the truth. An investigation on the part of the International News Service in London, has of created an accurate picture of Beria's reported disappearance from Russia and his rumored presence in Spain.

Leading figures in the chronicle include Vice President Nixon, Sen. McCarthy (R-Wis.) and operatives of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Central Intelligence Agency.

TWO SEEKING BERIA CLUES

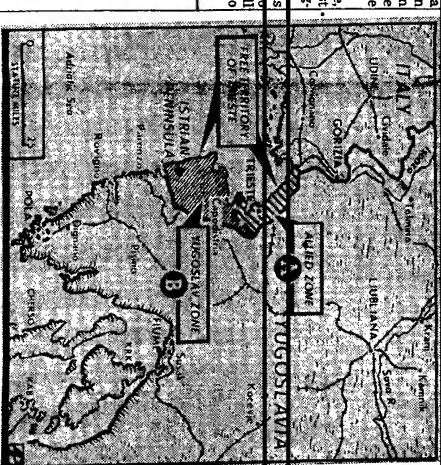
Rombert James, The San Diego Union's military editor, and Gene Fuson, San Diego staff writer, are in Madrid investigating Lavrenti Beria's reported escape from Russia. James, a former Associated Press foreign correspondent, was chief of the AP Moscow bureau in 1945 and 1946. He speaks and reads Russian and saw Beria in person on many occasions during his years in Russia.

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HOLIDAY FOR ONLY A FEW

Columbus Day is tomorrow, but few places will be closed in its observance. Banks, hitherto closed on the holiday, will be open, and so will federal offices, stores, city, county and private schools, with exception of St. Augustine High School. However, city, county and state offices and the Public Library will close. Parking meters will do business as usual.

President Tito of Yugoslavia sent troops into Zone B of Trieste today as his answer to decision by the United States and Britain to turn Zone A over to Italy for administration. Violent anti-Italian riots were reported in Zone B of the troubled area.



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Georgia Tech, Michigan and Maryland, all rated among the country's top teams, gained new victories. Georgia Tech defeated Tulane, 27-13; Michigan edged Iowa, 14-13, and Maryland routed Georgia, 40-13. Other major scores: Pitt 14, Syracuse 6; Oklahoma 19, Texas 14; Baylor 14, Arkansas 7; Duke 20, Purdue 14. Complete scores, stories and pictures appear on the sports pages of this morning's San Diego Union.

Indian Officials Review Nation's Fleet

BOMBAY, India, Oct. 10 (Reuters)—President Prasad, accompanied by Prime Minister Nehru, today reviewed the Indian fleet in Bombay Harbor. The fleet included the battle ship Delhi, six destroyers, three frigates, two survey ships, and seven minesweepers. It was the first review of the fleet since the British was established six years ago.

Knownland said this would then be twisted into a propaganda weapon to attempt to prove the Russians of safe conduct given the prisoners surrendered were valueless.

CONCEPTS UNCHANGED

The senator said he saw nothing in the Far East to indicate Soviet leaders have abandoned the strategic concept of Lenin that the road to Paris is through Peking.

He said there are millions of people in Asia who want to rejoin the main outside the Iron Curtain. "They will be faithful allies in the determination to maintain a free world of free men if they work together in their collective common defense," he said. Knowland, who returned this week from a six-week global tour, reported unrest in satellite nations and in the Soviet Union itself.

Reinforced police guards, with drawn overnight from the American and British embassies in Belgrade, reappeared this afternoon in case new demonstrations followed Tito's speech. Tito said Anglo-American failure to agree to his proposal would mean "that the Western

matter whatilly and Russia feel they can take them out in groups of 10 or 12 and will shoot them or hang them."

The city of Trieste he made an anti's duty to use our growing autonomous unit under Italian administration. But he said its role to relieve them of any anxiety, he said, Churchill recalled the remainder of Zone A should all be that in May, he had suggested an autonomous Yugoslav unit for incorporated with Zone B under new Locarno treaty in which all signatures pledged to fight if any were attacked.

That is no more than the United Nations was set up to do," Churchill said. "We are told the Locarno treaty failed and did not prevent the war. There was a very good reason for that. The United States was not in it (the treaty)."

Had the United States taken before the first World War or between the wars the same interest and made the same exertions and sacrifices and run the same risks to preserve peace and uphold freedom, which I thank God she is doing now, there might never have been a first war and there would mean "that the Western

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U.S. STATEMENT ON BERIA EXPECTED

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secret police and as minister of interior was chief of the Soviet effort which gave Russia the key to the hydrogen bomb.

He headed the spy network which included the late John Fuchs, who contrived to give Russia the secrets which enabled the Reds to smash American mastery of atomic and hydrogen weapons.

International News Service has learned that American authorities — Nixon and Sen. McCarthy — first heard the Beria escape report from The San Diego Union.

3 OTHERS INVOLVED
This is what happened: Gallo informed the San Diego Union that he had learned of the escape of a Russian Communist through a source that four big Russians wanted asylum in the United States. One of the Russians was described as Beria. The others presumably were described as henchmen who aided in his "escape."

Gallo reported he was informed the fugitives wanted ironclad assurance from "somebody" that they would find refuge in the United States.

The San Diego Union notified Vice President Nixon. Gallo also was informed through Francis Flanagan, chief counsel of the Wisconsin senator's investigating subcommittee, Nixon referred the matter to the FBI and the Central Intelligence Agency.

OTHER ASSURANCES
The story developed further. Gallo said he was told by several Soviet secret police agents that "Beria" and three of his aides escaped from Russia by plane and landed secretly at Malaga, Spain.

Gallo flew to Spain, to contact the supposed Beria and negotiate for his delivery to the United States. The San Diego Union assured Flanagan that he had secured the necessary documents for the delivery of the three men to the United States in mid-August and Sept. 19, when a Senate source in

Washington leaked a rumor that plates and appearance of the key figure in the ligav. Gallo returned to Madrid sev-

Plans to get "Beria" to the United States. The American-Spanish Inquiry continued, and the facts have been sifted.

HOW OFFICIALS REACTED
High officials in Washington believe Red agents might have planned the Beria story on Gallo for these reasons:
To brand Beria even more deeply within Russia a "tool of foreign imperialists," actively plotting with capitalists and communists with the West against the Soviets.

To involve such celebrated anti-Communists as McCarthy and Nixon in a hoax.
To follow the traditional Communist strategy of creating confusion among enemies.
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Old Time 'Keystone' Of Films Succumbs

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